(d) whether any aid has been forthcoming from any country; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE [DR. (SHRIMATI) RITA VERMA]: (a) India adopted its official family planning programme in 1952, which has been renamed as National Family Welfare Programme. Currently this Programme comprises interventions covering reproductive and child health, including family planning.

(b) to (e) The Plan Budget out-lay for the implementation of the family welfare programme during 2000-2001 is Rs. 3520 crores, of which Rs. 1278 crore is the externally aided component.

Health care in Remote Villages

†1450. SHRI KAPIL SIBAL:
SHRI RAJ MOHINDER SINGH:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have set up Primary Health Centres and Community Health Centres for providing medical care to the families residing in remote villages;

(b) if so, the total number of such centres set up in the country till the end of March, 2000; and

(c) what percentage of average annual contribution is made by the Central Government towards operational cost of each such centre?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE [DR. (SHRIMATI) RITA VERMA]: (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) As per the data available with Central Government the number of Primary Health Centres and Community Health Centres functioning in the country as on 30.6.99 is indicated below:

Primary Health Centres	—	22975
Community Healh Centres	—	2935

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

(c) These Centres are established and maintained by respective State Governments out of the funds provided under Minimum Need Programme/Basic Minimum Services and the Additional Central Assistance provided for the purpose. During Ninth Plan period, an allocation of Rs. 14433.85 crores has been made under State Sector Health Outlay, which includes provision for MNP/BMS.

Rejuvenating the Rural Health Structure

1451. SHRI K. RAHMAN KHAN: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to rejuvenate the dying rural health structure by setting up primary health centres network, stretching upto remote villages in the country; and

(b) if so, the details of the scheme and the time fixed for the purpose?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE [DR. (SHRIMATI) RITA VERMA]: (a) and (b) Development of Health infrastructure for rural areas is reviewed at regular intervals, especially before formulation of the five years plans. Primary Health Centres are set up by the State Governments out of funds provided under Minimum Needs Programme/Basic Minimum Services and Additional Central Assistance provided for the purpose.

A PHC covers a population of 30,000 in plain areas and 20,000 in hilly/tribal areas. A target for establishment of 1521 PHCs has been set up for Ninth Five Year Plan period to ensure maximum outreach of Health Care Services to the people in remote rural areas.

Policy for periodic health check up

1452. PROF. M.M. AGARWAL: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Central Government are contemplating to introduce any new policy in the country under which people